

## INTRODUCTION.

The Committee have much pleasure in issuing "SIFTED WHEAT," though regretting that unforeseen circumstances have somewhat hindered its publication. The pamphlet has been edited with much care, and will, it is hoped, present a correct account of the proceedings of the late Provincial Convention. The attendance of delegates at its sessions was the largest hitherto recorded.

The Reports from Counties, etc., are indicative of continued growth, but efforts will be made in future to obtain, with the assistance of county and other officers, classified statistics.

The work of organization has been pursued diligently (see Secretary's Report, pages 78-84), and only the necessary means are required to carry its attending benefits still farther into the distant and more sparsely populated counties and districts. A strong desire was expressed in the Convention that this MISSION WORK, to which much attention has already been directed, should be perseveringly continued. In order to this.

It is respectfully but earnestly requested that the sums which were kindly promised at the late Convention (see pages 103, 104) be forwarded, with as little delay as possible, to the Treasurer; and it is as earnestly requested and sincerely hoped that counties which have, on former occasions, given pecuniary aid, but who were not represented at the Convention, or whose representatives there did not feel authorized, without consultation, to make pledges, will feel it to be their privilege to remit contributions equal, at least, to former years and, if possible, for increased amounts in view of the growing claims of the work. Counties also which have not hitherto contributed are cordially invited to do so now.

The Treasurer's Report appears on pages 85-88, where all remittances and gifts will be found in detail.

The gentlemen whose names appear on pages iii. and iv., and believed to be well-known Sabbath School workers in their respective counties, have been appointed to the General Executive by the will of the Convention, with the earnest hope that they will deem it a pleasure to promote the cause of Sabbath School organizations and assist, as far as possible, the Association in its efforts to prosecute this great work. Either of the Secretaries will be glad to receive communications from members of the Committee or from any other Christian workers.

The Triennial International Convention will be held (D. V.) in Pittsburg, Penn., June 24-27 of the present year. Appointments from Ontario thereto are in the hands of the Executive Committee, and County Associations are particularly requested to forward to the Corresponding Secretary the names of suitable persons who may be willing and able to attend as delegates. If a large delegation should be going from this Province, it is likely that specially favorable rates of travel can be obtained.

Copies of this Report will be sent post-paid to any address, on the receipt of price, 25 cents, by J. J. WOODHOUSE, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Box 525 P.O., Toronto. Every Sabbath School teacher should have a copy, and carefully read it.

Some copies of the Kingston Report, 1888; London, 1887; Hamilton, 1886; and of the International, Chicago, 1887, are yet obtainable at the same price.

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